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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 December 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 16-19 and 21-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 16-19 and 21-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Continuation of Attachment(s) 6). Other: Lighting from Hollywood, Mole-Richardson Co. 2002 page 1.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. The numbering of claims is not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126 which requires the original numbering of the claims to be preserved throughout the prosecution. When claims are canceled, the remaining claims must not be renumbered. When new claims are presented, they must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claims previously presented (whether entered or not).

Misnumbered claims 32, 32, 33 and 33 have been renumbered as claims 32, 33, 34 and 35.

2. Claims 29, 32 and 33 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claims 29, 32 and 33, lines 11, 2 and 3, respectively, replace "eggbrate" with -- eggcrate-- to correct minor typographical error. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 18, 19 and 21-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Richardson Co. (decalight submitted by applicant on 6/05/2006) in view of Richardson Co. (pentalight cited herewith) further in view of Ott (US 4,091,441) and further in view of The Internet Source for Lighting Diffuser.

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Re claim 18, 19, 24 and 25, Richardson Co. discloses a stage lighting system (i.e., decalight) comprising:

a frame having a series of light bars; a plurality of light sources (i.e., globes) positioned within the frame along the light bars; a mobile support positioned below the frame that enables the frame to be moved; a diffusion film (i.e., custom sized gel frame) disposed in front of the plurality of light sources (i.e., globes); a light reflective surface positioned on the frame behind the plurality of light sources; and a light control system configured to regulate electrical power (i.e., dimmable) to the plurality of light sources; such that an illumination intensity of individual ones of the plurality of light sources can be varied (see pages 1 and 2 including decalight illustration submitted by applicant).

Richardson Co. (submitted by applicant) does not disclose at least one eggcrate louver adjacent to (on) the diffusion film and an eggcrate louver frame supporting the eggcrate louver, a diffusion frame supporting more than one diffusion layer; a first fastening device attached to the rectangular frame and a second fastening device attached to the eggcrate louver frame, wherein the second fastening device engages the first fastening device to position the diffusion frame between the eggcrate louver frame and the rectangular frame.

Richardson Co. (cited herewith) further teaches of providing diffusion frames (i.e., for holding more than one diffusion layer on the rectangular frame) that is not included with the rental of pentlight system (i.e., clients have to pay extra to get the diffusion frames) (see page 1).

In the same field of endeavor, Ott teaches of providing an eggcrate louver for the purpose of obtaining a desired shading and light diffusion from the plurality of light sources (Fig. 1; Col. 3, lines 22-28).

The Internet Source for Lighting Diffuser also discloses and teaches that louvers are manufactured in many different cell sizes for use in various types of installation (see 1st page about louver).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the light control system of Richardson Co. decalight (i.e., submitted by applicant) by providing plurality of diffusion frames for holding more than one diffusion layer as taught by Richardson Co. (submitted herewith) and further provide an eggcrate louver as taught by Ott's, for the purpose of obtaining a desired shading and light diffusion from the plurality of stage light sources. Furthermore, it would have been within the level of an artisan having the disclosure and teaching of Richardson Co. and Ott and The Internet Source for Lighting Diffuser to further provide an eggcrate louver frame supporting the eggcrate louver, a diffusion frame supporting the diffusion layer; a first fastening device attached to the rectangular frame and a second fastening device attached to the eggcrate louver frame, wherein the second fastening device engages the first fastening device to position the diffusion frame between the eggcrate louver frame and the rectangular frame for the purpose of securely supporting the diffuser and eggcrate louver engaging over the stage lighting system (i.e., decalight or pentallight) as disclosed by Richardson Co.

Re claims 21 and 22, Richardson Co. further discloses the frame has a first dimension (i.e., 7') and a second dimension (i.e., 4'), and wherein the first dimension is about twice the

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distance of the second dimension; the frame has a depth substantially less than the second dimension, the frame comprises a series of light bars arranged parallel to the second frame dimension and wherein the evenly spaced plurality of light sources comprises a plurality of globe lights (see pages 1 and 2 including decalight illustration submitted by applicant).

Re claim23, given Richardson Co. modified by Ott's lighting system as discussed above in claims 21 and 22, the series of light bars comprising eight vertically positioned light bars and the plurality of globes comprising thirty two globes in which four globes are evenly spaced along each of the eight light bars would have been an obvious design choice for the purpose of obtaining a desired shading and light diffusion from the plurality of stage light sources.

5. Claims 18, 19 and 21-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Richardson Co. (decalight submitted by applicant on 6/05/2006) in view of Richardson Co. (pentalight cited herewith) further in view of Ott (US 4,091,441) further in view of The Internet Source for Lighting Diffuser and further in view of Hunt et al. (US 5,414,328).

Re claims 16 and 17, Richardson does not show the light control system comprises two independent circuits, and wherein each of the two independent circuits is coupled to alternating ones of the plurality of light sources and the light control system comprises independent switches coupled to each of the plurality of light sources.

Hunt discloses a stage lighting control console including switches for the purpose of controlling the intensity of plurality of stage light sources (Fig. 1; Col. 1, lines 38-53).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to further modify the light control system of Richardson Co. modified by

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Ott's and The Internet Source for Lighting Diffuser as claimed in claims 16 or 17, for the purpose of controlling the intensity of the plurality of stage light sources as taught by Hunt's.

Re claims 26 and 27, given Richardson Co. modified by Ott's further modified by The Internet Source for Lighting Diffuser and further modified by Hunt's lighting control system as discussed above in claims 16 and 17, changing the intensity of alternating one of the plurality of globes and/or maintaining the color temperature of the illumination from the stage lighting system when the total light output is reduced would have been an obvious design choice for the purpose of obtaining a desired shading and light diffusion from the plurality of stage light sources.

6. Claims 29-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Richardson Co. (decalight submitted by applicant on 6/05/2006) in view of Richardson Co. (pentalight cited herewith) further in view of Ott (US 4,091,441) further in view of The Internet Source for Lighting Diffuser and further in view of Tait et al. (US 4,933,824).

Re claims 29, 30 and 32, Richardson Co. discloses a stage lighting system (i.e., decalight) comprising:

a cabinet having a plurality of light sources (i.e., globes) positioned within the cabinet; a mobile support positioned below the cabinet that enables the cabinet to be moved; a diffusion film (i.e., custom sized gel frame) disposed in front of the plurality of light sources (i.e., globes); and a light control system configured to regulate electrical power (i.e., dimmable) to the plurality of light sources; such that an illumination intensity of individual ones of the plurality of light sources can be varied (see pages 1 and 2 including decalight illustration submitted by applicant).

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Richardson Co. (submitted by applicant) does not disclose at least one eggcrate louver adjacent to (on) the diffusion film and an eggcrate louver frame supporting the eggcrate louver, a diffusion frame supporting more than one diffusion layer; and a quick release coupling members for removably attaching and reattaching the diffusion frame and the eggcrate louver to the cabinet.

Richardson Co. (cited herewith) further teaches of providing diffusion frames (i.e., for holding more than one diffusion layer on the rectangular frame) that is not included with the rental of pentlight system (i.e., clients have to pay extra to get the diffusion frames) (see page 1). Therefore, Richardson Co. (cited herewith) clearly teaches about the use of plurality of diffusion films that can be disposed in front of the plurality of light sources (i.e., globes) to get a desired light diffusion from the plurality of light sources (i.e., globes) (see page 1).

In the same field of endeavor, Ott teaches of providing an eggcrate louver for the purpose of obtaining a desired shading and light diffusion from the plurality of light sources (Fig. 1; Col. 3, lines 22-28).

The Internet Source for Lighting Diffuser also discloses and teaches that louvers are manufactured in many different cell sizes for use in various types of installation (see 1st page about louver).

Again, in the same field of endeavor, Tait discloses and teaches how to use a quick release coupling members (i.e., Velcro strips or the like) for the purpose of removably attaching and reattaching a frame to an illumination panel (Fig. 7; Col. 3, lines 18-48).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the light control system of Richardson Co. decalight (i.e.,

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submitted by applicant) by providing plurality of diffusion frames for holding more than one diffusion layer as taught by Richardson Co. (submitted herewith); provide an eggcrate louver as taught by Ott's and The Internet Source for Lighting Diffuser, and further use a quick release coupling members (i.e., Velcro strips or the like) as taught by Tait for removably attaching and reattaching the diffusion frames and the eggcrate louver to the cabinet the purpose of obtaining a desired shading and light diffusion from the plurality of light sources (i.e., globes) of the stage lighting system (i.e., decalight or pentlight) as disclosed by Richardson Co.

Re claims 31 and 33, the quick release coupling members (i.e., Velcro strips or the like) being clamps or adhesive attachments to couple the diffusion frame and the eggcrate louver to the corner brackets of the cabinet would have been obvious because Tait discloses and teaches how to use a quick release coupling members (i.e., Velcro strips or the like) for the purpose of removably attaching and reattaching a frame to an illumination panel (Fig. 7; Col. 3, lines 18-48).

Re claims 34 and 35, although, Richardson co. is silent about the material of the diffusion film, one having ordinary skill in the lighting art would have recognized the use of paper sheets or cloth sheets as a diffusion films because the use of paper sheets or cloth sheets as a diffusion film for a light diffuser is well known in the art. As an example see Geller patent (US 6,412,967).

Therefore, it would have been within the level of a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide diffusion film having paper sheets or cloth sheets obtain a desired shading and light diffusion from the plurality of light sources (i.e., globes) of the stage lighting system (i.e., decalight or pentlight) of Richardson Co. (decalight submitted by applicant on 6/05/2006) modified by Richardson Co. (pentlight cited herewith) further modified by Ott further modified by The Internet Source for Lighting Diffuser and further modified by Tait.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 16-19 and 21-33 have been considered but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

Conclusion

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new grounds of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ephrem Alemu whose telephone number is (571) 272-1818. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F Flex hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Douglas W Owens can be reached on (571) 272-1662. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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